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RECOMMENDED READING

The evaluation of books listed below include those recommended to resident students of the Naval War College. Officers in the fleet and elsewhere may find these of interest.

The listings herein should not be construed as an endorsement by the Naval War College; they are indicated only on the basis of interesting reading matter.

Many of these publications may be found in ship and station libraries. Some of the publications not available from these sources may be obtained from the Bureau of Naval Personnel Auxiliary Library Service, where a collection of books is available for loan to individual officers. Requests for the loan of these books should be made by the individual to the nearest branch of the Chief of Naval Personnel. (See Article C-9604, Bureau of Naval Personnel Manual, 1948).

- Title:** *The Prospects for Communist China.* 379 p.
- Author:** Rostow, W. W. N. Y., John Wiley & Sons, 1954.
- Evaluation:** An important book, which pulls together the salient facts about Communist China, supplements these facts with informed guesses to narrow the area of the unknown, and attempts to reach basic conclusions on the present strengths and weaknesses of the Peking regime. It outlines in excellent review the path Mao Tse-tung has followed to power, and examines variables, such as "the interplay between the regime and the people, the Sino-Soviet alliance, and the Chinese economy." The economic problem is treated extensively, with indications that the economic sphere is likely to be decisive for the foreseeable future, due to the magnitude of the problem of achieving industrialization without excessive starvation of the population. The prospect that the human cost of present plans may be far greater than that paid by the U.S.S.R. in the 1930's indicates that the fate of the regime may well depend upon the reaction of the Chinese peasant to collectivization. This book is considered highly valuable for any consideration of American policy in the Far East.

- Title:** *Soviet Power and Policy.* 598 p.
- Author:** Huszar, George B. de. N. Y., Thomas Y. Crowell Company, 1955.
- Evaluation:** Written by a number of co-authors from leading American universities and from the U. S. government, it is an attempt to present in one volume all major component factors of power of the U.S.S.R., as well as its aggrandizement in adjacent regions. The first part of the book deals with the success of the Kremlin policy from the nazi-Soviet Pact of 1939 to the present, including the mistakes of Western policies. The second part provides basic data on Soviet Russia's land, resources, population, education, economic development, industry, agriculture and transportation. It includes a chapter on political structure and one on communist parties and the Communist International. There are very complete chapters on the armed forces and Soviet ideology. Finally, there are chapters on the U.S.S.R. foreign trade and foreign policy. Part III describes Soviet expansion in Eurasia. This begins with a general discussion of how the Soviets operate and then includes chapters dealing specifically with Western Europe, the Near and Middle East, Southeast Asia, and Northeast Asia, describing these areas and showing the Soviet aims and techniques and the current situation in each. The last part, "The Soviet Union and the United States," deals with geopolitical theory, a brief discussion of land, sea, and air power, and, finally, a discussion of the respective strategic positions of the United States vis-a-vis the Soviet Union. Each chapter of this complete and comprehensive volume is fully substantiated with footnotes and extensive bibliography. No attempt has been made to verify the facts presented, but it is considered that it presents in a minimum of space, a well-rounded discussion of the important facts of Soviet Russia and the communist system.

- Title:** *Handbook for Discussion Leaders.* 153 p.
- Authors:** Auer, J. Jeffrey and Ewbank, Henry Lee, N. Y., Harper & Bros.
- Evaluation:** A study of various types and aspects of discussion groups, and purposes of each. It presents a thoughtful analysis of the value of group discussions, spelling out some of the do's and don'ts for a successful and fruitful discussion. A thorough treatment in readable textbook form. Recommended for anyone interested in group discussion procedure and of special interest to moderators.

- Title:** *European Peace Treaties After World War II.*
341 p.
- Authors:** Leiss, Amelia C., and Dennett, Raymond. Boston, World Peace Foundation, 1954.
- Evaluation:** This volume is a supplement to the well-known series, "Documents on American Foreign Relations," Vol. VIII, 1945-1946, and Volume IX, 1947, published by the World Peace Foundation. It summarizes the main positions assumed by the United States, the Soviet Union and other powers in the protracted negotiations and drafting of the peace treaties with Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, Rumania and Finland. The Italian Peace Treaty negotiations, which were largely concerned with the territory of Trieste, are given considerably more scope than others. Particularly helpful are three sections which deal analytically with the political, military and economic classes common to all five treaties. The official English text of the treaties is also included.
- Title:** *Modern German, Its History and Civilization.*
637 p.
- Author:** Pinson, Koppel S. N. Y., Macmillan, 1954.
- Evaluation:** The significance of this book is in the fact that even in the German language there is no general survey of the history of modern Germany from 1800 to the present. It is in the "history of ideas" pattern and is a survey of the political, economic and cultural development of modern Germany through 1954. Military aspects of German history are covered only to the extent of relating them with the political developments. Not everyone will agree with the author's conclusion that "the Nurenberg Trial will remain one of the truly great and constructive acts of the post-war period." (p. 541). Still, considering that the author was Educational Director for Jewish Displaced Persons in Germany and Austria in 1945-46 and must have had first-hand knowledge of one of the worst aspects of the Nazi regime, the study is remarkably objective. Very valuable for anyone who is interested in the rise of Germany from a loose confederation of feudal states and principalities to the great modern power of the twentieth century.
- Title:** *The United States and Argentina.* 272 p.
- Author:** Whitaker, Arthur P. Cambridge, Mass., Harvard University Press, 1954.
- Evaluation:** This short book is an authoritative account of the geo-

graphy, history, life and the revolutionary changes which have taken place in Argentina. It gives an answer to most of the questions which arise when trying to figure out what motivates and implements current Peron policies. By virtue of the author's long association with teaching and research in Latin American history and his extensive travels in the region, it is apparent that he was well prepared to write on the subject. He has included numerous footnotes referring to works that examine issues more fully.

PERIODICALS

- Title:** *The Council of Europe.*
- Author:** Woolrych, S. H. C.
- Publication:** JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION, November, 1954, p. 524-533.
- Annotation:** An excellent account of the development and current employment of the infrequently-reported-on Council of Europe. Briefly states its origin, current attitudes on federation, attitudes of Britain, the coal and steel community, European defence and political community, the London Agreement, influence of Strasbourg, and reasons why Britain should support the Council of Europe.
- Title:** *Combatting Soviet Guerillas.*
- Author:** von Dohnanyi, Ernst.
- Publication:** MARINE CORPS GAZETTE, February, 1955, p. 50-61.
- Annotation:** An account of the German experiences in fighting guerrilla bands during the Russian campaign and the lessons they hold for Western military planners.
- Title:** *Helicopters versus Submarines.*
- Authors:** Torry, John A. A., Commander, U.S.N., and Bradford, E. W., Lieutenant, U.S.N.
- Publication:** NAVAL AVIATION NEWS, February, 1955, p. 1-5.
- Annotation:** Outlines the role of the helicopter in anti-submarine warfare.

- Title:** *The Growing Interdependence Between International Law and International Organization.*
- Author:** Harley, J. Eugene.
- Publication:** WORLD AFFAIRS INTERPRETER, Winter, 1954-55, p. 391-413.
- Annotation:** An appraisal of the present-day status of international law and international organization in world affairs includes consideration of a new concept of collective security, the trial of war criminals and other aspects of this subject.
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- Title:** *Neutralism: The Problem of Japan in East-West Relations.*
- Author:** Coons, Arthur G.
- Publication:** WORLD AFFAIRS INTERPRETER, Winter, 1954-55, p. 385-390.
- Annotation:** Considers Japan's future role, listing the factors that could lead to ties with China and the Soviet Union and outlining a policy which must be followed by the U. S. to keep Japan on the side of the free world.
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- Title:** *Education and Leadership.*
- Author:** Carney, Robert B., Admiral, U.S.N.
- Publication:** CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, February 2, 1955, p. A567.
- Annotation:** An address by the Chief of Naval Operations at the Citadel, Charleston, S. C., January 24.
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- Title:** *Mission for the Army: the Winning of World War III.*
- Publication:** THE ARMY COMBAT FORCES JOURNAL, February, 1955, p. 16-20.
- Annotation:** The authors call the Cold War, World War III, and claim that the Army is the service best suited to stop the "creeping aggression" of a Cold War. They suggest that the Army have sufficient combat divisions strategically deployed throughout the world so that they can immediately reinforce the trained, indigenous, combat divisions of any nation threatened by Communist aggression.

- Title:** *Russia's Foreign Policy.*
- Publication:** CURRENT HISTORY, February, 1955.
- Annotation:** Contains the following articles: The Russian Riddle; Russia, Scandinavia and the Baltic; Russia and the Slavs; Russia and the Near and Middle East; Russia's Relations with the West; Russia's Far Eastern Policy; Russia and the United States; The Foreign Policy of Russian Communism.
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- Title:** *Mobile Sea Base Systems in Nuclear Warfare.*
- Author:** Smith, James H., Jr.
- Publication:** UNITED STATES NAVAL INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS, February, 1955, p. 131-135.
- Annotation:** The Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Air) explains the role of sea power in nuclear warfare of the future. (Drawing: How the Mobile Sea Base System Could Function in Nuclear Warfare, p. XVIII).
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- Title:** *Strategic Conditions for Effective Defense of the Free World.*
- Author:** Thomas, Charles S.
- Publication:** WORLD AFFAIRS INTERPRETER, Winter, 1954-55, p. 348-360.
- Annotation:** An address by the Secretary of the Navy at the Institute of World Affairs, Riverside, California, December 14, in which he examines conditions for the effective defense of the free world and outlines the Navy's role in modern warfare.
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- Title:** *"We Give Military Advice Only."*
- Publication:** U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, February 25, 1955, p. 42-50.
- Annotation:** An interview with Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, in which he replies to questions concerning U. S. Defense policies and the role of the Joint Chiefs in defense planning.
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- Title:** *War — Limited or Unlimited?*
- Author:** Saundby, Sir Robert, R.A.F. (Ret.).
- Publication:** AIR POWER, January, 1955, p. 100-102.
- Annotation.** Maintains that a study of the history of war shows that

wars fought for a limited object have been successful and those fought for an unlimited object, unsuccessful, and urges that any conflict with the Communist Bloc be confined to a limited object.

- Title:** *The Heavy Carrier.*
Author: Thomson, G. P., Rear Admiral, U.S.N.
Publication: THE NAVY, February, 1955, p. 31-32.
Annotation: Discusses the function of the heavy aircraft carrier and explains the difference in British and American views on the primary function of the heavy carrier.
- Title:** *Letter from Washington.*
Author: Rovere, Richard H.
Publication: THE NEW YORKER, February 26, 1955, p. 86-94.
Annotation: An analysis of President Eisenhower's Formosa policy and the problems stemming from the Congressional Resolution on Formosa (Public Law 4) and the legal technicalities of the Mutual Defense Treaty.
- Title:** *From Defence to Deterrence.*
Publication: THE ECONOMIST, February 26, 1955, p. 723-734.
Annotation: A review of Britain's strategic situation as it was set forth in the 1955 defence — white paper.
- Title:** *What We're Doing in Indo-China.*
Publication: U. S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, March 4, 1955, p. 82-88.
Annotation: General J. Lawton Collins, Head of U. S. Mission to Vietnam, describes, in an interview, U. S. efforts to keep this strategic area out of the hands of the Communists.
- Title:** *Our Point of No Return.*
Author: Phillips, Thomas R., Brigadier General, U.S.A., (Ret.).
Publication: THE REPORTER, February 24, 1955, p. 14-18.
Annotation: Considers the dilemma faced by military planners as to whether our military establishment should be wholly nuclear or nuclear and conventional, and discusses the implications of total dependence upon atomic weapons.

- Title:** *The U. S. Navy.*
- Publication:** CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, February 22, 1955, p. A1137-A1139.
- Annotation:** The Honorable Charles S. Thomas, Secretary of the Navy, reviews the Navy's defense program and the role of the Supply Corps on the occasion of the 160th anniversary of the Supply Corps.
- Title:** *Our Pipe Dream About Zhukov.*
- Authors:** Olshansky, Boris.
- Publication:** AMERICAN MERCURY, March, 1955, p. 111-115.
- Annotation:** A former Soviet officer reviews Marshal Zhukov's career to show there is no basis for the view that he would form a moderate military bloc to counter party zealots in the Soviet Government.